

24th March 1960]

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : எத்தனைக் கிராமங்கள் இந்த வியாதியால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டுக்கின்றன ? பாதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு சிகிச்சை அளிக்கப்பட்டனவா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இதற்கெல்லாம் என்னிடம் புள்ளி விவரம் இல்லை. பொதுவாக கோயம்பத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் அவினாசியும், பெருத்தூறை தாலுக்காவும் இதனால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன.

SRI S. LAZAR : On a point of order, Sir. We have been discussing this question without understanding what it is.

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a.m.

MR. SPEAKER : It is not my fault.

SRI S. LAZAR : At least after the question is over, I would like to have the information from the Hon. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER : I cannot give it. Let the hon. Member please contact the Hon. Minister and the latter will give him the information.

Government Transport Workers' Co-operative Society

* 544 Q.—**SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any complaint of misappropriation of funds from the Co-operative Society of the Government Transport workers in Madras was made during this financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to rectify matters and to realise the amount?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 30th April 1959, the Manager of the Madras State Transport Department Employees' Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society reported to the Director that the Hon. Secretary of the Society had not accounted properly for a sum of Rupees Thirty-three thousand five hundred and ninety-eight and naya Paisa one (Rs. 33,598-01 nP.). In November 1959, it was reported that vouchers were not available for a sum of Rs. 3,500 (Rupees three-thousand and five hundred) shown in the cash book was disbursed as ordinary loan on the 6th August 1959 and that a sum of Rs. 1,000 (Rupees one thousand) as on 11th September 1959 had not been accounted for.

(c) The matter is under investigation by the officers of the Co-operative Department. The management of the Society has been superseded and the Society has been placed in charge of a Special Officer under section 43 (1) of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932. Necessary steps will be taken to realise the amount if any due after the investigation is completed.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know who is responsible for this thing? Is he a departmental man or an outsider?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The matter is under investigation. I will give a detailed report after the investigation is completed. I do not want to prejudice the investigation at this stage.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : பஸ் தொழிலாளர்களின் பணத்திற்கு என்ன உத்தரவாதம் என அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களுக்கு நஷ்டம் வந்தால் என்னென்ன உத்தரவாதம் உண்டோ அது உண்டு.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know whether the investigation is being done by the Co-operative Department or by the Special Branch of the Police Department?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The usual procedure is that initial investigation is done by the department and if the department finds that there is further investigation to be conducted, then it will be handed over to the Police. We have done so in another instance concerning the department.

Removal of thatched roofing in the Madras City

* 545 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to remove all thatched roofing to prevent frequent fire in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that fire accidents in the City are caused by thatched buildings and if so, what action the Government propose to prevent fire accidents?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, these fire accidents happen. What the Government are now doing under the Slum Improvement scheme is to convert some of these thatched huts into brick and mortar houses. Then the employees of the industrial units concerned are also building houses. Now the Policy of the Government is that when the huts are rebuilt they try to see that they are separated and not put together very closely so that chances of the fire spreading will be minimised. That is all I can say now.

SRI V. SANKARAN : இது போன்ற ஓலை வேய்ந்த கூரைகளை அகற்றுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் சம்மதித்தால், அதற்குப் பதிலாக ஓடுகள் வைத்துக் கொடுப்பதற்கு கனம் ரஷீத் போன்ற கனவான்கள் முன் வந்தால் அதை ஏற்றுக் கொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் தயாராக இருக்கிறார்களா ?

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Member is asking a hypothetical question. The Hon. Minister has answered 'No' to the question of the hon. Member Sri A. A. Rasheed.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : கூரை வீடுகள் திக்கிரையாகிறபோது மொபசல் பார்ட்சில் 50 ரூபாய் சகாயநிதி அளிக்கிறார்கள் சென்னை நகரத்திற்கும் அதே சகாயநிதிதான் அல்லது அது உயர்த்தித் தரப்படுகிறதா ?